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SUBJECT: ICJ ELECTIONS - LIBERIAN CANDIDATE ROCHEFORTE L.
WEEKS

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1. WE REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY REGARD-
ING WEEKS' ICJ CANDIDACY. UNIFORM USG POLICY REGARDING
ENDORSEMENT OF ICJ CANDIDACIES IS TO AWAIT DECISION OF
REGIONAL GROUPS BEFORE ANNOUNCING SUPPORT FOR PARTICULAR
CANDIDATES. REGIONAL GROUP DECISIONS ARE FREQUENTLY
PROTRACTED AND SENSITIVE EXERCISES, AND IT IS GENERALLY
EXPECTED THAT OTHERS WILL RESPECT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE VARIOUS REGIONAL GROUPS.

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE USG TO
ANNOUNCE SUPPORT FOR WEEKS OR ANY OTHER CANDIDATE NOW, AND
IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE MAXIMUM DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY WE
HAVE ADOPTED THE POLICY OF UNIFORM RESTRAINT ON ENDORSE-
MENTS. YOU MAY OF COURSE EXPRESS YOUR RESPECT FOR
MR. WEEKS' CREDENTIALS AND ABILITY AND ASSURE THE GOL THAT
WE WILL GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO THEIR REQUEST AT THE
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